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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KE, TZ, US

SUBJECT: NYERERE'S REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT TO PRESERVE
EAC

REF: (A) DAR 779; (B) NAIROBI 2247

1. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT DEMARCHE TO KENYATTA ARGUING FOR PRESERVATION OF REMAINING ELEMENTS OF EAC (REF B) WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE INTERVENTION IN DISPUTE WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS FAVORING ONE SIDE OVER THE OTHER. AT THE SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT A LOW-KEY APPROACH TO KENYATTA MIGHT PROVE INFORMATIVE AS WELL AS ENABLE US TO REPORT BACK TO NYERERE THAT WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BE FORTHCOMING ON HIS REQUEST.

2. WE ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU SEEK AN APPOINTMENT
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WITH KENYATTA FOR A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE EAC AND WHAT FURTHER CHANGES HE MIGHT CONTEMPLATE. IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW IF HE HAS CONSIDERED AND HOW HE VIEWS THE POSSIBILITY THAT EAC DISINTEGRATION COULD INDUCE TANZANIA TO SHIFT TO A MORE RADICAL SOUTHERN AXIS. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT OUR EAST AFRICAN FRIENDS WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT THEIR

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PROBLEMS BY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH ONE ANOTHER.

3. WE HOPE CONVERSATION WITH KENYATTA WILL BE SUCH AS TO ENABLE AMBASSADOR SPAIN TO INDICATE TO NYERERE THAT, IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST, AMBASSADOR MARSHALL HAS INQUIRED ABOUT FUTURE OF EAC DIRECTLY TO KENYATTA, WHO HAS DETAILS FULLY IN HIS GRASP, AND WITH WHOM, THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE DIRECT CONTACT BY NYERERE MIGHT PROVE FRUITFUL. AMBASSADOR SPAIN MAY ALSO, OF COURSE, REITERATE STANDING U.S. POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS WHEREVER SUCH ARRANGEMENTS HAVE THE FULL AND FREE COOPERATION OF ALL THE PARTIES.
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